

A map of Iraq and surrounding regions, with Iraq highlighted in yellow. The map shows the Persian Gulf to the east and the Mediterranean Sea to the north. The title "Iraq Weekly Status Report" is centered over the yellow area of Iraq.

Iraq Weekly Status Report

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3. **Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government**

On April 11, Iraqi cabinet ministers allied to Muqtada al-Sadr threatened to quit the government to protest the Prime Minister's lack of support for a timetable for U.S. withdrawal. The threat comes two months into a U.S. effort to pacify Baghdad in order to give Maliki's government room to function. Sadr's political committee issued the statement a day after Maliki rejected an immediate U.S. troop withdrawal.

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5. Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy

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6. Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law

The Central Court of Iraq (CCCI) convicted 41 individuals March 18-21 for violations of the Iraqi Terrorist Law, Penal Code and Coalition Provisional Authority Orders enforced by the Iraqi judiciary.

7. International Support for Iraq

The Iraqi government has agreed that Egypt, not Turkey, will host an expanded Iraq Neighbors Ministerial meeting in Sharm el-Shaikh May 4. The Neighbors meeting will follow a May 3 Compact launching ceremony, also in Sharm el-Shaikh. The core Neighbors forum includes Iraq's six neighbors – Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Turkey, and Bahrain and Egypt. The expanded forum includes representatives from the UN, Arab League, P5, Organization of Islamic Conference, and G8.

8. Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents

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[1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

Progress for Baghdad Security Plan:

- A Coalition spokesman told reporters in Baghdad April 6 that over the past month in the Iraqi capital, Iraqi security and Coalition Forces (CF) seized more than 300 weapons caches, found and cleared more than 300 improvised explosive devices and detained more than 1,400 suspects. In addition, more than 5,000 tips from Iraqi citizens last month “contributed to Iraq security and Coalition forces’ ability to conduct these operations,” said U.S. Navy Rear Adm. Mark I. Fox, Communications Division Chief for Strategic Effects, Multi-National Force-Iraq.
- Despite the signs of progress, Fox stressed the importance of maintaining a realistic view of Baghdad security, adding that the current levels of violence are unacceptable.

Improvised Explosive Device Factory Found:

- Iraqi Army (IA) and CF conducted a joint operation April 5 that resulted in the capture of 27 suspected insurgents and bomb-making materials. Troops also found and secured several explosively-formed projectiles in different stages of production and four that were fully assembled. Three insurgents were killed and six wounded during the operation. Two IA troops and one Coalition soldier were wounded.



[2.] Transition to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

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Iraqi Prime Minister Rejects Timetable for U.S. Withdrawal:

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- Maliki's comments came during a news conference in Tokyo, where the Prime Minister was visiting. He said that "We see no need for a withdrawal timetable because we are working as fast as we can," adding that, "We feel what will govern the departure of the multinational forces are the achievements and victories we manage to obtain on the ground and not a timetable."



[2.] Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

Ministry of Interior Forces

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	~135,000
NATIONAL POLICE	~ 25,400
OTHER MOI FORCES	~32,900
TOTAL	~193,300**

Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	~135,700***
AIR FORCE	~900
NAVY	~1,100
TOTAL	~137,700**

Total Trained & Equipped ISF:

~331,000****

* Ministry of Interior Forces: Unauthorized absence personnel are included in these numbers

** Ministry of Defense Forces: Unauthorized absence personnel are not included in these numbers

*** Army numbers include Special Operations Forces and Support Forces

**** Does not include the approximately 144,000 Facilities Protection Service personnel working in 27 ministries

Data as of April 4, 2007 (updated bi-weekly by DOD)



[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government - Developments

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Sadr Ministers Threaten Withdrawal:

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Iraq Rally Calls for U.S. Withdrawal:

- Tens of thousands of demonstrators responded to a call from Muqtada al-Sadr to commemorate the martyrdom of Ayatollah al-Sadr and to call for the end of the U.S. occupation of Iraq. The protest was centered in the Shia holy city of Najaf and was peaceful. However, Sadr was not in attendance.

Relocation of Arabs from Kirkuk Could Trigger Violence:

- The Iraqi government will soon begin relocating Arabs who were moved to Kirkuk under an edict by Saddam Hussein to force Kurds out of the disputed northern city. Those who choose to move will receive about \$15,000 and a plot of land in their home towns. Kurdish officials will soon accept applications to determine eligibility.

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Turkey Threatens Sanctions in Iraq:

- Turkish leaders raised the threat of political and economic sanctions against Iraq April 10 unless that country curbs ethnic Kurd separatists staging attacks across the border. Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan warned Iraqi Kurds against interfering in southeastern Turkey April 9, where the Kurdish majority is fighting Turkish security forces, saying “the price for them will be very high.”
- Erdogan was responding to Massud Barzani, leader of the Kurdish autonomous region in Iraq, who said Iraqi Kurds would retaliate for any Turkish interference in northern Iraq by stirring up trouble in southeastern Turkey.



[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government - Iraqi National Unity Government

		Deputy President Tariq al-Hashimi	President Jalal Talabani	Deputy President 'Adil 'Abd al-Mahdi	
		Deputy Prime Minister Barham Salih	Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki	Deputy Prime Minister Salam al-Zawba'i	
(F) = Female					
Minister of Agriculture Ya'rub Nathim	Minister of Communications Muhammad Tawfiq Allawi	Minister of Culture As'ad Kamal Muhammad Abdallah al-Hashimi	Minister of Defense Abdul Qadir Muhammed Jasim	Minister of Displacement & Migration Abd al-Samad Rahman Sultan	Minister of Electricity Karim Wahid
Minister of Education Khudayyir al-Khuza'i	Minister of Environment Narmin 'Uthman (F)	Minister of Finance Bayan Jabr	Minister of Foreign Affairs Hoshyar Zebari	Minister of Health Ali al-Shammari	Minister of Higher Education Abd Dhiyab al-Ajili
Minister of Human Rights Wijdan Mikha'il (F)	Minister of Industry & Minerals Fawzi al-Hariri	Minister of Interior Jawad al-Bulani	Minister of Justice Hashim al-Shibli	Minister of Housing & Construction Bayan Daza'l (F)	Minister of Labor & Social Affairs Mahmud Muhammad Jawad al-Radi
Minister of Oil Husayn al-Shahristani	Minister of Planning Ali Baban	Minister of Trade Abd al-Falah al-Sudani	Minister of Science & Technology Ra'id Fahmi Jahid	Minister of Municipalities & Public Works Riyad Ghurayyib	Minister of Transportation Karim Mahdi Salih
Minister of Water Resources 'Abd al-Latif Rashid	Minister of Youth & Sports Jasim Muhammad Ja'far	Minister of State for Civil Society Adil al-Asadi	Minister of State for National Dialogue Affairs Akram al-Hakim	Minister of State for National Security Affairs Shirwan al-Waili	
Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rafi Hiyad al-Isawi	Minister of State for Governorates Affairs Sa'd Tahir Abd Khalaf al-Hashimi	Minister of State for Tourism and Antiquities Liwa Sumaysim	Minister of State for Women's Affairs Fatin Abd al-Rahman Mahmud (F)	Minister of State for CoR Affairs Safa al-Safi	



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Financials from Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) 1 and IRRF 2

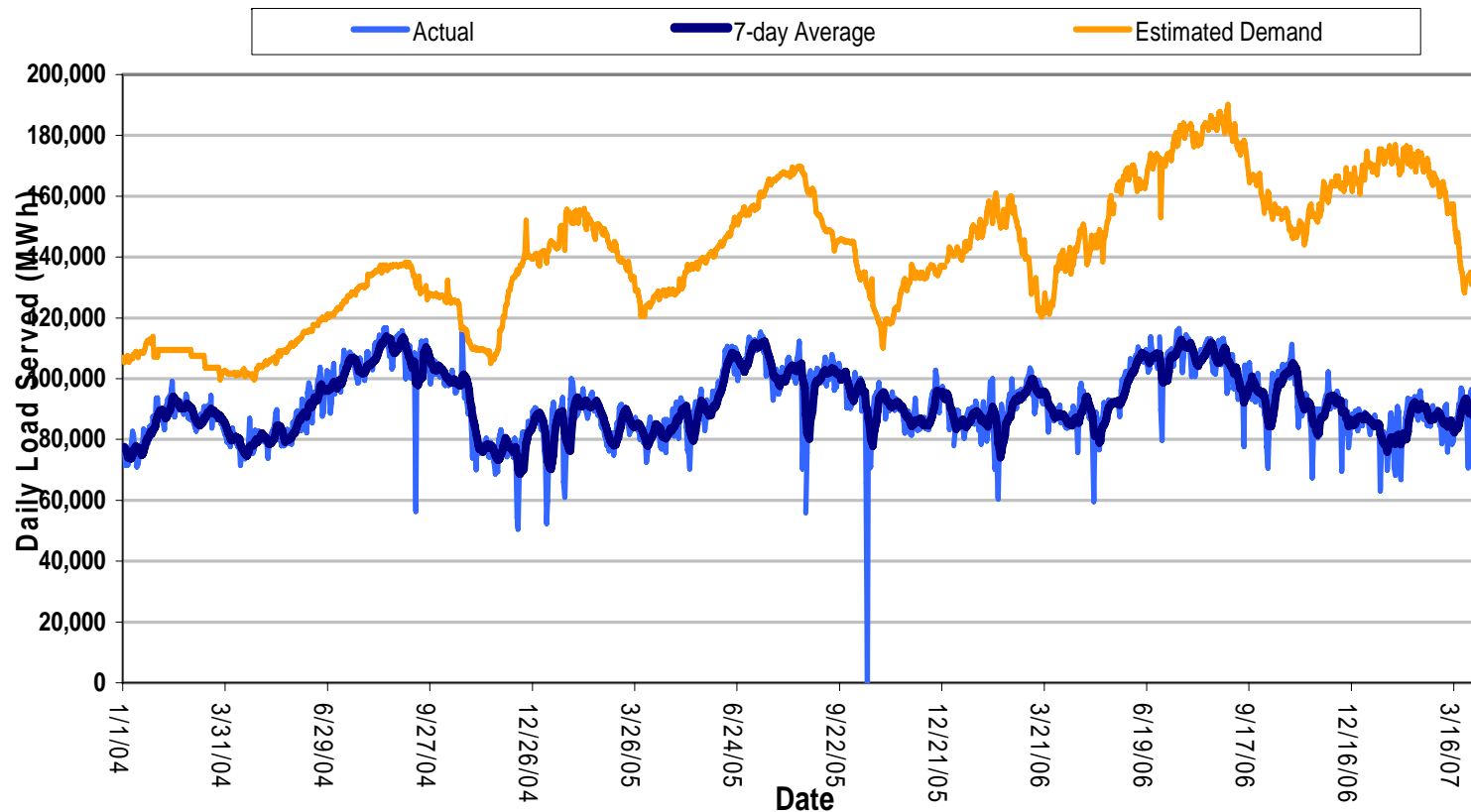
Sector	Apportioned	Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
	Apportion	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law Enforcement	\$5,002.59	\$4,978.54	\$4,978.54	\$0.00	\$4,976.66	\$4,976.66	\$0.00	\$4,733.80	\$4,734.99	\$1.19
Electricity Sector	\$4,216.87	\$4,173.03	\$4,173.03	\$0.00	\$4,034.86	\$4,034.86	\$0.00	\$3,185.34	\$3,185.34	\$0.00
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,724.70	\$1,664.42	\$1,664.42	\$0.00	\$1,580.47	\$1,580.47	\$0.00	\$1,400.39	\$1,400.39	\$0.00
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	\$1,303.26	\$1,303.17	\$1,303.17	\$0.00	\$1,297.57	\$1,297.57	\$0.00	\$1,037.28	\$1,034.68	(\$2.60)
Democracy	\$999.26	\$998.31	\$998.31	\$0.00	\$998.23	\$998.23	\$0.00	\$920.32	\$920.65	\$0.33
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	\$410.06	\$401.26	\$401.26	\$0.00	\$401.26	\$401.26	\$0.00	\$357.09	\$358.16	\$1.08
Roads, Bridges and Construction	\$333.60	\$330.66	\$330.66	\$0.00	\$323.30	\$323.30	\$0.00	\$217.13	\$217.13	\$0.00
Health Care	\$815.78	\$814.30	\$814.30	\$0.00	\$800.27	\$800.27	\$0.00	\$650.34	\$650.34	\$0.00
Transportation and Communications	\$456.72	\$456.67	\$456.67	\$0.00	\$450.91	\$450.91	\$0.00	\$350.15	\$350.15	\$0.00
Water Resources and Sanitation	\$2,115.79	\$2,015.67	\$2,015.67	\$0.00	\$1,966.23	\$1,966.23	\$0.00	\$1,538.52	\$1,538.52	\$0.00
Private Sector Development	\$813.95	\$809.25	\$809.25	\$0.00	\$809.25	\$809.25	\$0.00	\$780.77	\$780.77	\$0.00
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	\$213.00	\$210.48	\$210.48	\$0.00	\$210.48	\$210.48	\$0.00	\$186.07	\$187.47	\$1.40
Total	\$18,405.59	\$18,155.77	\$18,155.77	\$0.00	\$17,849.48	\$17,849.48	\$0.00	\$15,357.19	\$15,358.58	\$1.40
IRRF II Construction	-	\$10,399.23	\$10,399.23	\$0.00	\$10,114.60	\$10,114.60	\$0.00	\$8,366.39	\$8,366.65	\$0.26
IRRF II Non-Construction	-	\$6,758.23	\$6,758.23	\$0.00	\$6,736.65	\$6,736.65	\$0.00	\$6,070.48	\$6,071.28	\$0.80
IRRF II Democracy	-	\$998.31	\$998.31	\$0.00	\$998.23	\$998.23	\$0.00	\$920.32	\$920.65	\$0.33
IRRF I Total	\$2,473.30	\$2,473.30	\$2,473.30	\$0.00	\$2,232.3	\$2,232.3	\$0.00	\$2,139.00	\$2,139.0	\$0.00
Grand Total IRRF I & II	\$20,878.89	\$20,629.07	\$20,629.07	\$0.00	\$20,081.78	\$20,081.78	\$0.00	\$17,496.19	\$17,497.58	\$1.40

As of April 10, 2007



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Electricity Overview

Daily Electricity Supplied and Estimated Demand in Iraq Since January 2004



- During the week of April 5-11 electricity availability averaged 6.6 hours per day in Baghdad and 12.3 hours nationwide. Electricity output for the week was 9% above the same period in 2006.



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – **Electricity and Water**

Electricity:

- The U.S. Army-funded Samarra lay-down yard project in Salah al-Din province has been completed, providing O&M service and security for stored electrical materials utilized in 11 neighborhoods throughout Samarra, thereby benefiting over 10,000 people.

Water:

- The U.S. Army-funded construction of the Bestansur water project in al-Sulaymaniyah province has been completed, providing a major water source for several cities including, but not limited to, Hallabja, Penjwin, and Arbat while serving approximately 200,000 people.



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Oil Update and Job Creation

Oil Update:

- Crude oil price averages in world markets for the week ending March 16 closed with the following prices:
 - Basrah Light at \$62.023/ barrel
 - WTI Cushing at \$64.810/ barrel
 - Dated Brent at \$68.595/barrel
 - Oman/Dubai at \$63.328/barrel

Employment Update:

Iraqi Employment Per Organization Program	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqis This Week	% change
Gulf Region District (GRD) (Includes MILCON/OMA)	21,309	21,861	2.59%
US Agency for International Development (USAID)	27,622	22,647	-18.01%
Commander's Emergency Response Program (CERP) ²	4,015	4,258	6.05%
Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq (MNSTC-I)	11,975	10,899	-8.99%
Iraq Reconstruction Relief Fund (IRRF) Non-Construction	6,484	6,484	0.00%
GRAND TOTAL	71,405	66,149	-7.36%

CERP employment numbers are representative of Baghdad only.

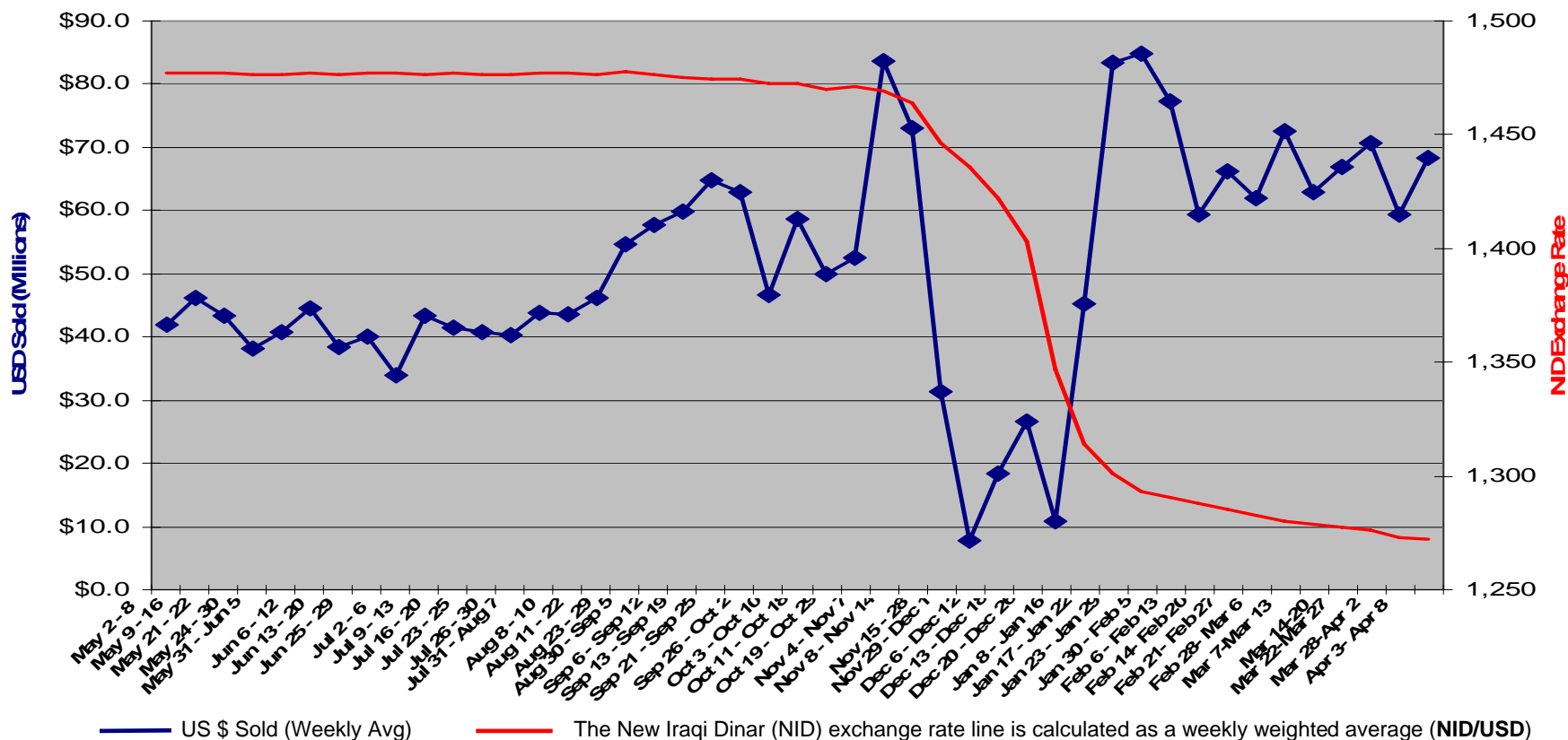


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

Central Bank's US Dollar (USD) Currency Auction:

- The following table shows volume sold of and exchange rates for USD in the Iraqi currency auction since April. Since September, the Central Bank has slowly appreciated the dinar, as suggested by the IMF, in an effort to rein in galloping inflation. There are early signs that this effort may have begun to bear fruit, with prices falling 6.8% between January and February.

**Central Bank of Iraq
USD Currency Auction: May 2, 2006 – April 8, 2007**



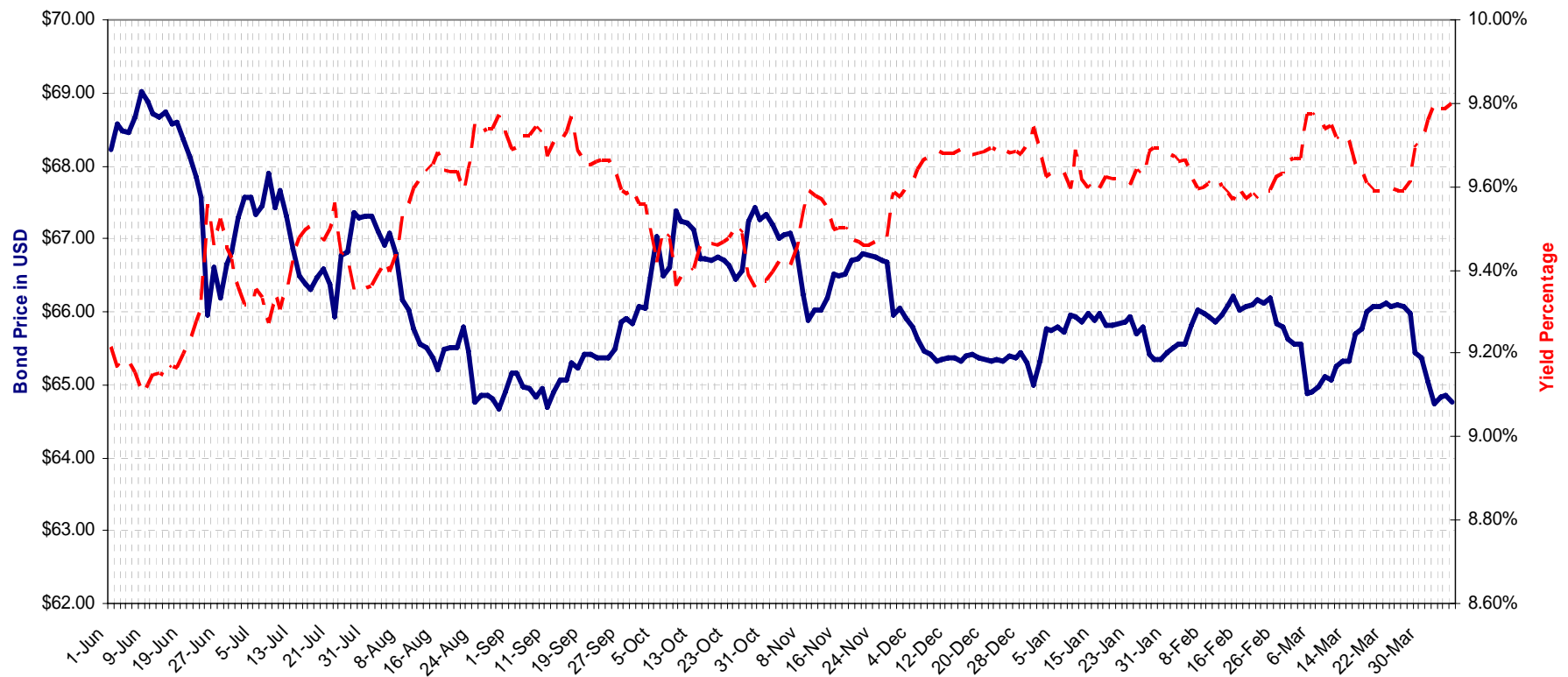


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

Trading of Iraqi Bonds on the International Secondary Bond Market:

- The following table shows the daily bond resale price and yield on Iraqi bonds issued January 20. The bonds were originally issued to approximately two-thirds of Iraq's commercial creditors as part of a debt exchange arrangement as per Paris Club terms. Iraq's commercial debt was approximately \$22 billion before the debt-swap arrangement. The bonds, which are not yet rated, will mature in 2028. The bonds' current yield of 9.6 percent remains one of the highest in the world for sovereign debt instruments.

Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales
June 1, 2006 - April 6, 2007



Trading High = \$73.98 (January 24)

Trading Low = \$64.66 (August 30)



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy –**Economic Events**

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USAID-Sponsored Conference Focuses on Future of Iraqi Banking Industry:

- Iraqi banking industry leaders and international banking experts gathered in Amman, Jordan April 4-5 for the first Iraqi Banking and Finance Conference, Banking in Iraq: The 21st Century Challenge. More than 200 delegates attended the two-day conference, organized by the U.S. Agency for International Development through its Izdihar Private Sector Growth and Employment Generation and Economic Governance II projects.

KRG General Command Readying Peshmerga Compensation and Budget Reform:

- On April 7, Salah al-Din Kurdistan Satellite TV reported that the General Command of the Kurdistan Security Force approved bills to adjust Peshmerga service years, pension, disability, and bonuses for submission to the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) and Parliament. The Command also approved formation of a negotiating committee for the incorporation of the Peshmerga budget into the GOI Ministry of Defense budget, an unresolved issue during the 2007 budget formulation process.



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy –Economic Events

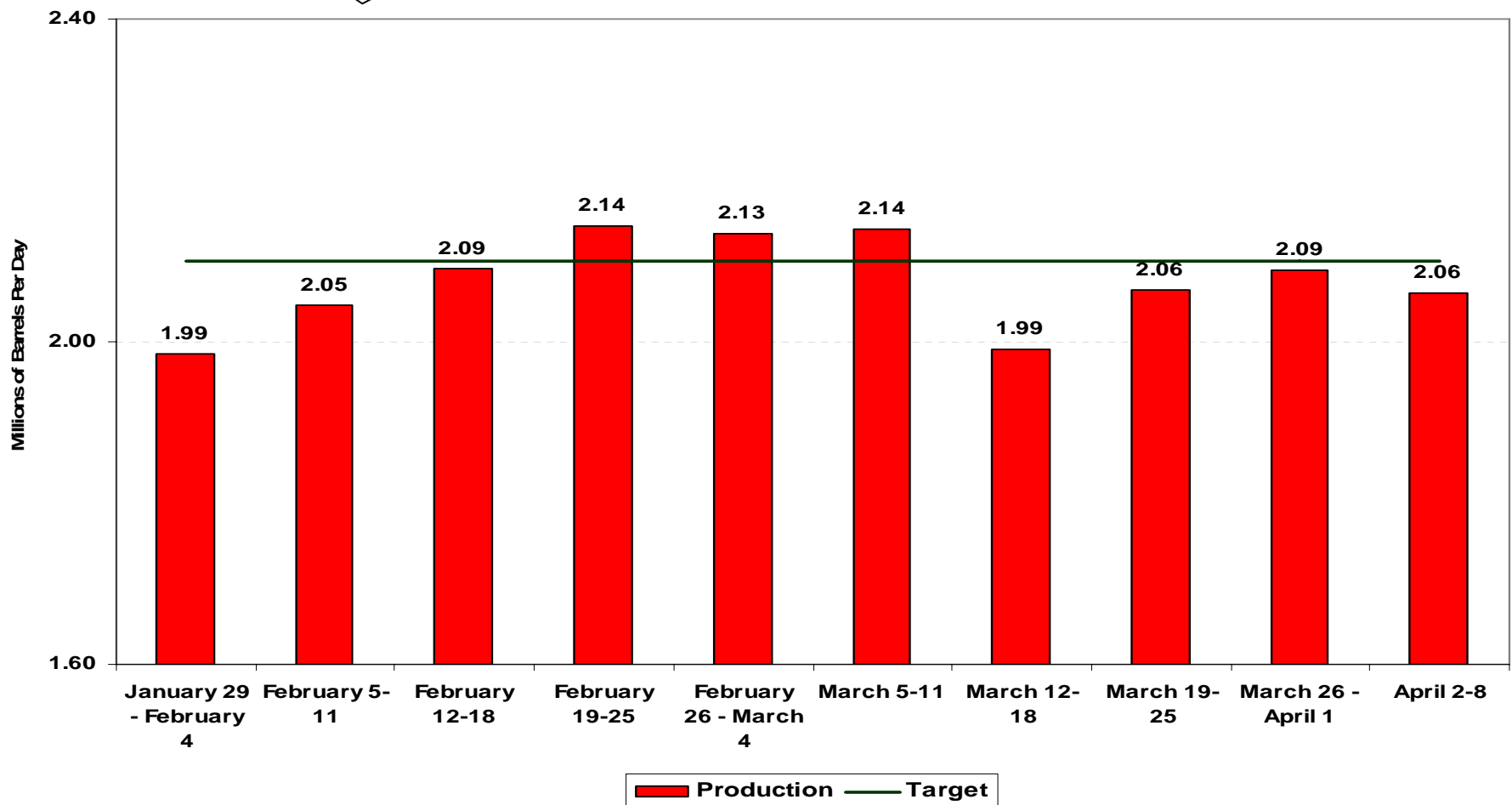
Budget Execution:

- At an April 5 Budget Execution Meeting that included half a dozen ministers, senior Ministry of Finance staff and dozens of senior officials from other ministries, Finance Minister Bayan Jabr announced his willingness to immediately release to each spending units their entire budget allocation.



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Production

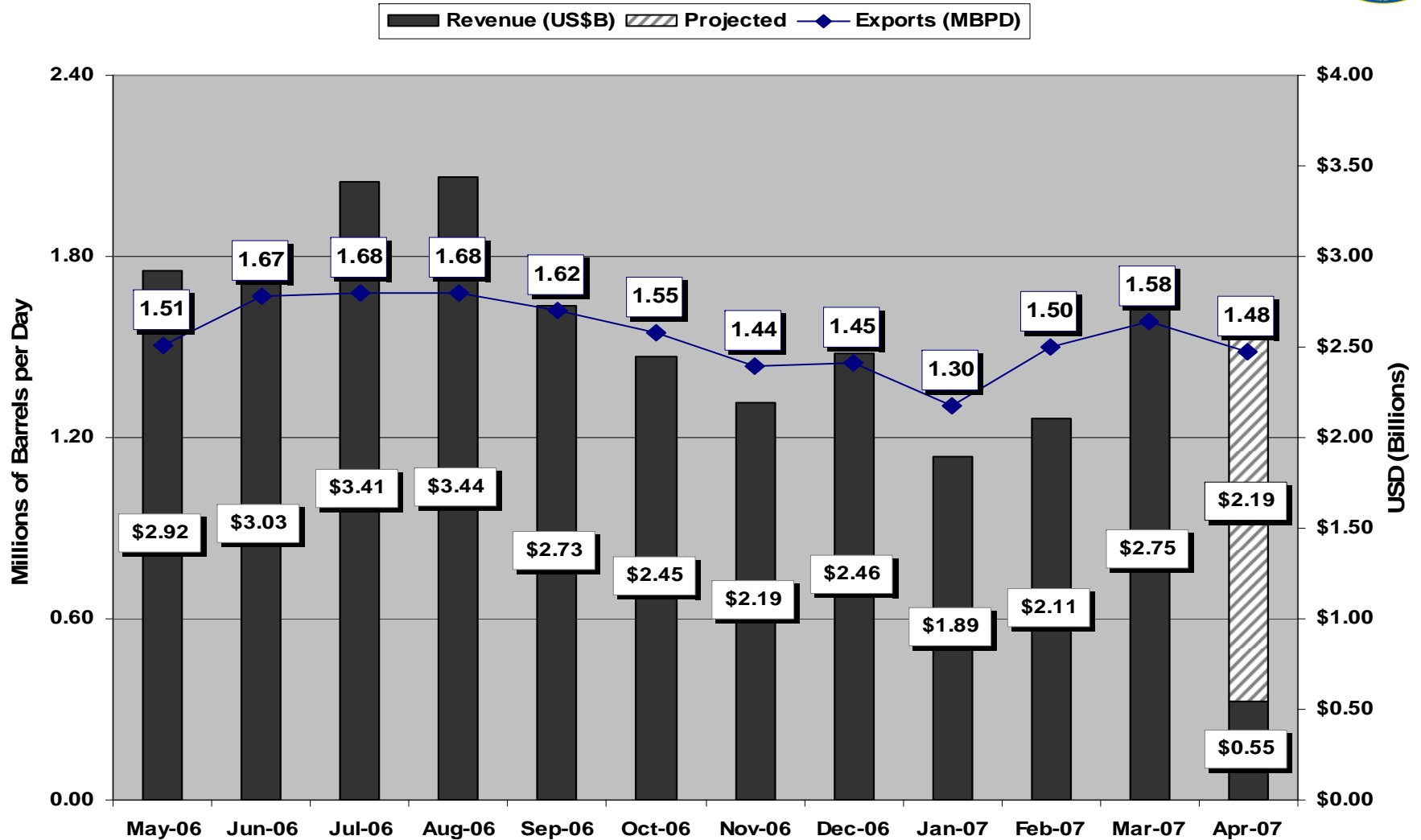
2007 Iraqi Oil Ministry Goal: 2.1 MBPD



- Weekly Average (April 2– April 9) of 2.06 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD)



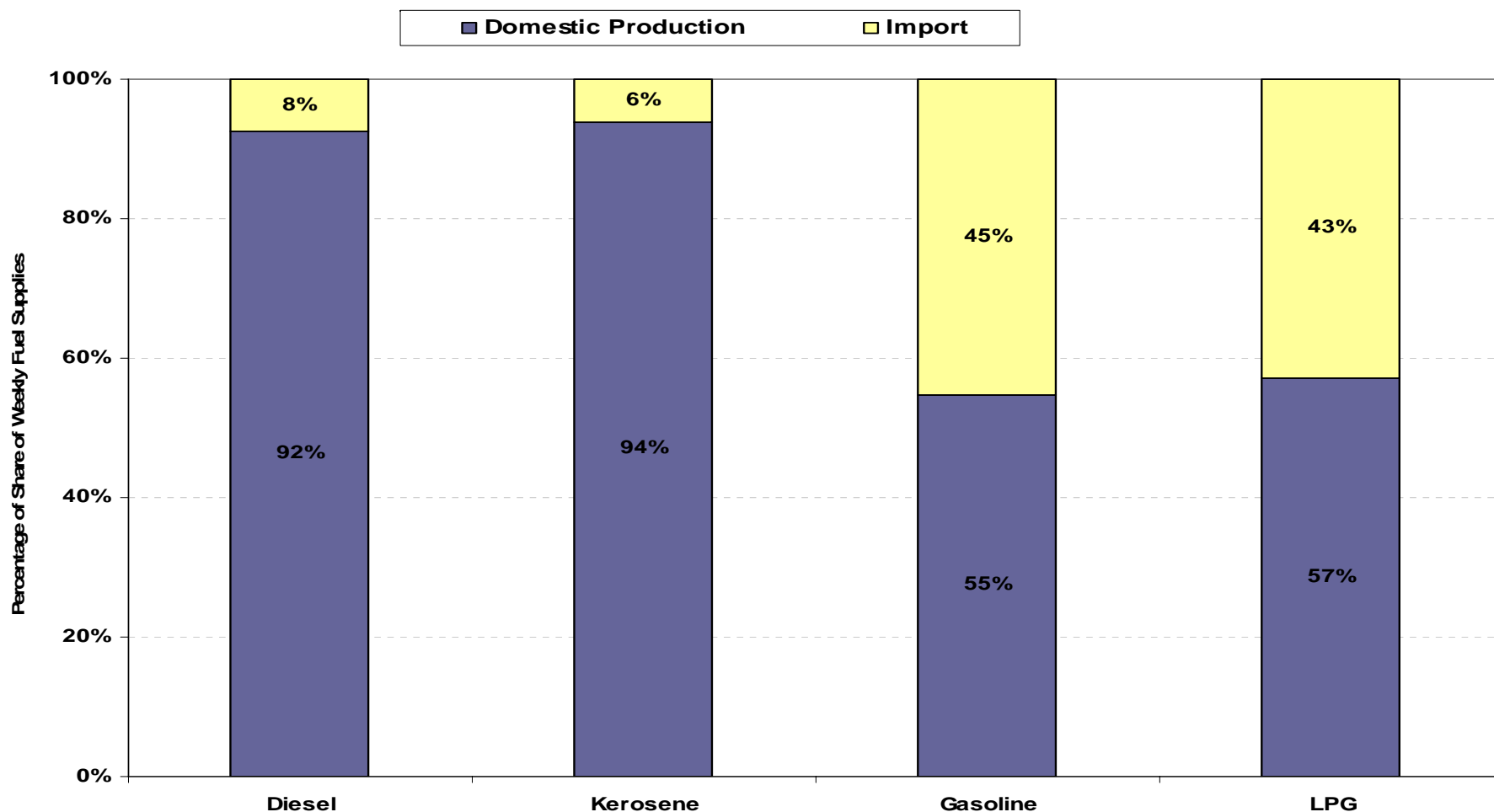
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Export



- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$31.3 Billion
- 2007 Revenue Estimate: \$6.8 Billion (Year to Date)



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Total Critical Refined Product Supplies

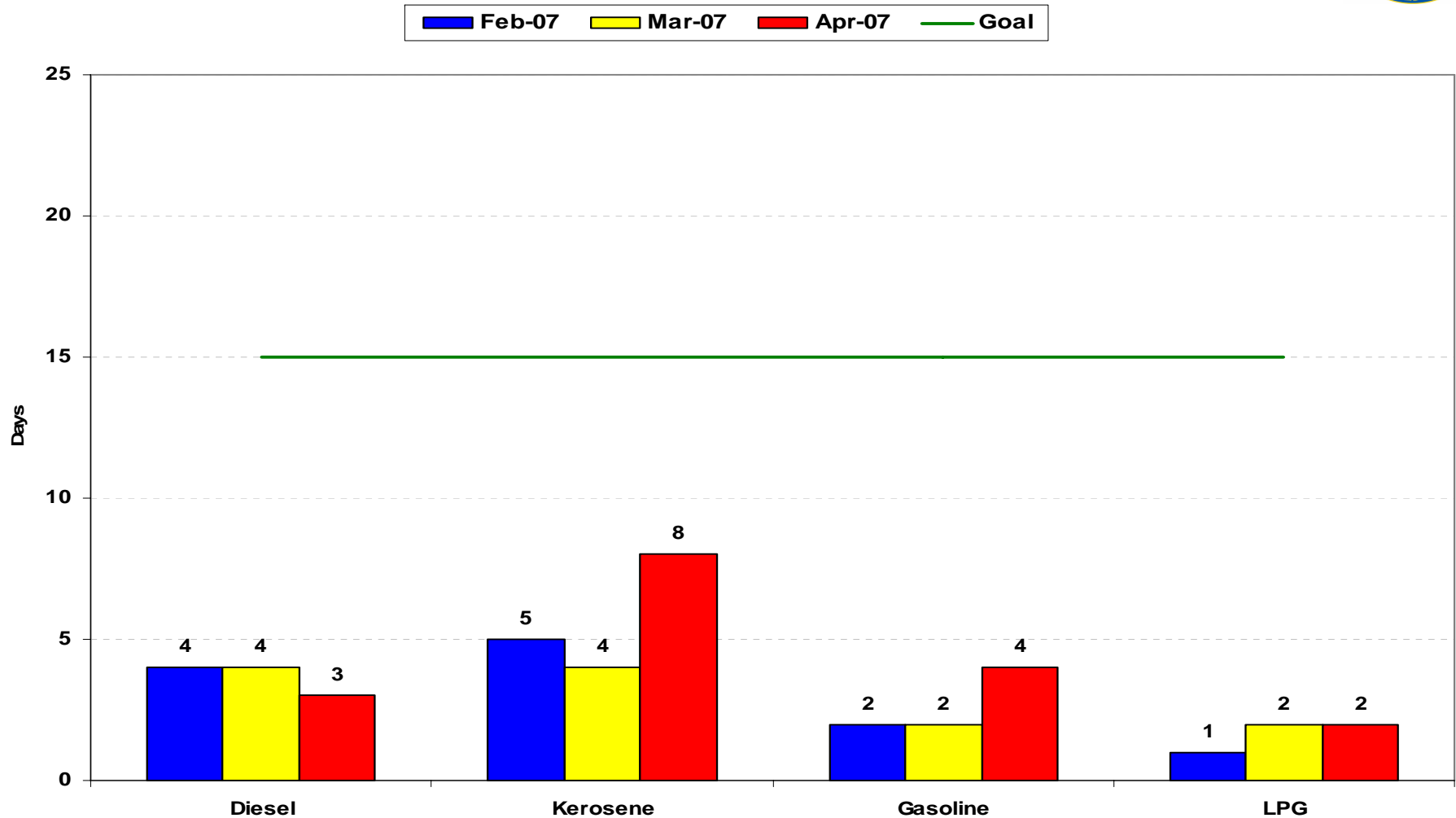


Note: This is a daily average for the week of April 2 – April 10

- Diesel: 14.827 ML supply of 22.6 ML target
- Kerosene: 4.824 supply of 10.1 ML target
- Gasoline: 15.5 ML supply of 22.0 ML target
- LPG: 2,911 tons supply of 5,000 tons target



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – National Stock Levels



- The goal is to have on hand 15 days supply of all refined products, calculated on the basis of maximum consumption over the year and not adjusted for seasonal variation. The numbers given above are monthly averages.



[6.] Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law and Promote Civil Rights– Iraqi Judicial System

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CCCI Convicts 41:

- The Central Court of Iraq (CCCI) convicted 41 individuals March 18-21 for violations of the Iraqi Terrorist Law, Penal Code and Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) Orders enforced by the Iraqi judiciary.
- The trial court sentenced one individual to death March 27 after being found guilty of violation of Iraq's Terrorist Law. After receiving information that the Iraqi man was the leader of an al-Qaida linked cell, Multi-National Forces (MNF) searched the individual's home and found a decapitated head and Improvised Explosive Device components.
- CCCI sentenced two individuals to life imprisonment March 28 after being found guilty of violation of Article 194 of the Iraqi Penal Code. The individuals were apprehended in Mosul September 3, 2004 after MNF spotted them firing mortars towards Camp Freedom.
- Since its establishment under an amendment to CPA Order 13, in April 2004, the Central Criminal Court has held 1,993 trials for suspected criminals apprehended by Coalition forces. The Iraqi Court proceedings have resulted in the conviction of 1,747 individuals with sentences ranging from imprisonment to death.



[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – **Developments**

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Japan Lends \$850 Million to Restore Iraq's Oil Sector:

- Japan has agreed to lend \$850 million to Iraq in order to help increase oil output, as well as build an oil facility connecting pipelines in Basrah, fund fertilizer and oil refinery plants, and help improve electricity distribution.

UK Will Continue Operations in the Persian Gulf:

- A senior British government official said April 9 that his country would resume boarding cargo vessels in the Persian Gulf to check for smuggled goods, despite the recent standoff with Iran that saw a Royal Navy team held captive for 13 days.

Egypt Plans Regional Conference on Iraq:

- The Iraqi government has agreed that Egypt, not Turkey, will host an expanded Iraq Neighbors Ministerial meeting in Sharm el-Shaikh May 4. The Neighbors meeting will follow a May 3 Compact launching ceremony, also in Sharm el-Shaikh. The core Neighbors forum includes Iraq's six neighbors – Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Turkey, and Bahrain and Egypt. The expanded forum includes representatives from the UN, Arab League, P5, Organization of Islamic Conference, and G8.



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Iraqi Prime Minister Visits South Korea:

- Iraqi Prime Minister Maliki began a visit to South Korea April 11 and said he wants to learn from the country's fast rise as an economic power. Maliki is scheduled to hold a summit with South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun April 12. Their meeting is expected to center on expanding cooperation in various sectors, including natural resources, electricity and construction.



[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – Contributors to Iraqi Stability Operations

Data as of March 30, 2007

25 Countries with forces in Iraq (in addition to US)

Albania	Denmark	Lithuania	Slovakia
Armenia	El Salvador	Macedonia	South Korea
Australia	Estonia	Moldova	Ukraine
Azerbaijan	Georgia	Mongolia	UK
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Japan	Poland	
Bulgaria	Kazakhstan	Romania	
Czech Republic	Latvia	Singapore	

TOTAL ~ 13,172 Forces

*Note: Fiji participating as a part of the UN mission in Iraq.

34 Countries and NATO*
(including US)
Support Iraqi Stability Operations

*34 includes the 25 countries listed above, the US, Fiji, and seven NATO, non-MNF-I countries: Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Turkey



[8.] Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents – **Developments**

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Sadr Makes Statement Calling on Iraqis to End Cooperation with the U.S.:

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- The demonstration in Najaf was ordered by Sadr, who was not present and is believed to currently be residing in Iran; though his followers still maintain he is inside Iraq.

Wanted Member of Saddam Regime Appears on Television:

- A wanted member of Saddam Hussein's regime, Republican Guards chief Saif al-Din Fulayh Hassan Taha al-Rawi, was shown on al-Jazeera television in a video recording broadcast April 8. He was shown accusing U.S. forces of using neutron and phosphorous bombs during their assault on Baghdad airport ahead of the capture of the Iraqi capital.
- Rawi, who was number 14 on the U.S. most wanted list, carries a one million dollar U.S. bounty on his head.



[8.] Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents – **Developments**

Iraqi Journalist Killed:

- A senior Iraqi journalist was killed April 5 when a suicide truck bomb exploded outside the Baghdad TV headquarters. Deputy Bureau Chief Thair Ahmad Jabr was killed, while another 12 employees were wounded.



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